



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2003 Assembly Bill 640	Assembly Amendment 1
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Under *current law*, the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) conducts a background investigation before issuing or renewing a license or permit. Current law provides that if a person is not a resident of Wisconsin or if DPI determines that the person's employment, licensing, or state court records provide a reasonable basis for further investigation, DPI must require the person to be fingerprinted on two fingerprint cards. The Department of Justice (DOJ) may submit the fingerprint cards to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) to verify the identity of the person fingerprinted and to obtain records of his or her criminal arrest and conviction.

2003 Assembly Bill 640 provides that the fingerprinting also may be done by other technologies approved by law enforcement agencies, rather than using fingerprint cards. However, the bill does not specify that DOJ may submit the fingerprints obtained by these other technologies to the FBI.

Assembly Amendment 1 to Assembly Bill 640 specifies that DOJ may submit these fingerprints by other technologies to the FBI.

Legislative History

The Assembly Committee on Education introduced Assembly Amendment 1 to the bill and recommended adoption of the amendment on a vote of Ayes, 16; Noes, 0. The committee then recommended passage of the bill, as amended, on a vote of Ayes, 16; Noes, 0.

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